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#### SUSPENSION CALENDAR

1) Amending the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (H.R. 3216).



This bill would exclude the basic military pay allowance from the calculation of eligibility for free and reduced price school lunches for 2 years. Although a Congressional Budget Office [CBO] estimate has not been finalized, the Budget Committee expects this bill to increase direct spending by less than \$500,000 a year in fiscal years 2002-2004. Such an increase would not cause the Committee on Education and the Workforce to breach its allocation provided under the budget resolution, and is therefore not expected to cause a violation of the spending points of order under the Congressional Budget Act.

2) Global Access to HIV/AIDS Prevention, Awareness, Education, and Treatment Act of 2001 (H.R. 2069).



This bill will not increase direct spending (spending not subject to annual appropriations) or reduce revenue.

3) Expressing support for the tenth annual meeting of the Asia Pacific | Parliamentary Forum (S.Con.Res. 58).



This resolution has no budgetary implications.

4) Russian Democracy Act of 2001 (as amended) (H.R. 2121)



This bill declares it shall be U.S. policy to: 1) engage the Government of the Russian Federation to strengthen democratic reform and institutions, and to promote good governance principles based on the internationally recognized norms of transparency in business practices, the rule of law, religious freedom, and human rights; 2) incorporate democratic reforms, independent media, and economic reforms in the broad U.S. agenda with such Government; and 3) encourage such government to address cross-border issues, including the environment, crime, trafficking, and corruption in a cooperative and transparent manner consistent with internationally recognized principles of the rule of law. This bill will not increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

5) Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Act of 2001 (H.R. 2716).



This bill will not increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

6) Veterans Benefits Act of 2001 (H.R. 2540).



This legislation was specifically assumed in the budget resolution (H.Con.Res. 83) and will not cause the allocation of new budget authority provided to the Veterans Committee to be exceeded.

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7) 21st Century Montgomery GI Bill Enhancement Act (H.R. 1291). This bill was specifically assumed in the budget resolution and will not cause the allocation of new budget authority provided to the Veterans Committee to be exceeded.

8) Appointing Patricia Q. Stonesifer as a Citizen Regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution (S.J.Res. 26).

This resolution has no budgetary implications.

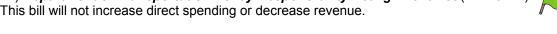
9) Honoring the United States Capitol Police for Their Commitment to Security at the Capitol (H.Res. 309).



This resolution has no budgetary implications.

10) Honoring Johnny Micheal Spann (H.Con.Res. 281). This resolution has no budgetary implications.

11) Department of Transportation Policy Responsibility Realignment Act (H.R. 3441). This bill will not increase direct spending or decrease revenue.



10) Mike Mansfield Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act (H.R. 3282).



This bill has no budgetary implications.

County, Georgia (H.R. 2595).

13) Amending the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996 to Modify the Reversionary Interest of the United States in a Parcel of Property Conveyance (H.R. 3370). This bill will not increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

14) Directing the Secretary of the Army to Convey a Parcel of Land to Chatham

This bill will not increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

15) Expressing the Sense of Congress Regarding the Relief Efforts Undertaken by Charitable Organizations and the People of the United States (H.Con.Res. 259).

This resolution has no budgetary implications.

16) National Museum of African American History and Culture Plan for Action Presidential Commission Act.



This bill would not increase direct spending or decrease revenue.

17) Homestead National Monument of America Additions Act (H.R. 38). This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire four parcels of land totaling almost 33 acres in Nebraska, and further authorizes \$400,000 for this purpose. The bill would have no significant budgetary impact. The \$400,000 to purchase the land was already appropriated for fiscal year 2001, and CBO estimates that annual costs to manage this land would not be significant, and such costs would be subject to subsequent appropriations.

18) Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts Designation Act (H.R. 2440). This bill has no budgetary implications.



19) Fisheries Conservation Act of 2001 (as amended) (H.R. 1989).

This bill would reauthorize, through fiscal year 2006, appropriations for programs carried out by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration under seven fisheries statutes. The



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**Budget Week** Page 2 programs affected include grant programs, studies, reports, and operations of the National Marine Fisheries Service. The bill would not increase direct spending or decrease revenue.

20) James Peak Wilderness, Wilderness Study, and Protection Area Act (H.R. 1576). This bill would designate as wilderness about 17,195 acres of Federal lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in Colorado. It also would designate 16,000 acres of other lands in those forests as the James Peak Protection Area, and would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to acquire nonFederal lands in the area. Withdrawing lands in the proposed protection area from mining and geothermal leasing and development, and prohibiting timber harvesting on those lands would reduce offsetting receipts from those activities. CBO estimates forgone receipts would not exceed \$15,000 a year, which are treated as an offset to spending.

## 21) Authorizing the Construction of a Native American Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (H.R. 2742).



This bill would direct the Department of the Interior to make grants to the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority of Oklahoma to fund a portion of the costs of building a new cultural center and museum facility. It also would authorize the appropriation of \$8 million each year over the 2003-2006 period for this purpose. This bill would not increase direct spending or decrease revenue.

### 22) Expressing the Sense of Congress That the Social Security Promise Should Be Kept (H.Con.Res. 282).



This resolution will not increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

#### 23) Basic Pilot Extension Act of 2001 (H.R. 3030).



This bill amends the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant
Responsibility Act of 2001 to extend for 2 years: 1) the "basic" employment verification system pilot program; 2) the citizen attestation pilot program; and 3) the machine-readable document pilot program. The programs provide employers with software, training, and access to Immigration and Naturalization Service and Social Security Administration databases to determine work eligibility. This bill will not increase direct spending or reduce revenues.

#### 24) Anti-Hoax Terrorism Act of 2001 (H.R. 3209).



This bill would not increase direct spending or decrease revenue.

#### 25) Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Response Act of 2001.

On a preliminary basis, the Budget Committee believes this bill will not increase direct spending or decrease revenue.

## 26) **Small Business Investment Company Amendments Act of 2001** (Concur in Senate Amendment to House Amendment) (S. 1196).

This bill amends the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 [SBIA] to: 1) increase the amount that the Small Business Administration [SBA] may charge as a subsidy fee for guaranteeing the payment of a debenture from 1.0 to 1.28 percent of the debenture amount; and 2) extend through fiscal year 2001 the debenture maturity period. CBO estimates that implementing S. 1196 would reduce the cost of guaranteeing loans under the SBIC participating securities program by about \$125 million over the 2002-2006 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. By creating new civil and criminal penalties, S. 1196 also would increase receipts and direct spending by negligible amounts each year.

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#### **CORRECTIONS**

#### 1) Community Recognition Act of 2001 (H.R. 1022).

This bill authorizes the chief elected official of a locality, in the event of the death of a present or former official of that locality, to proclaim that the national flag shall be flown at half staff. This bill will not increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

#### **LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE**

Bill: Help America Vote Act of 2001 (H.R. 3295).

Committee: House Administration

Summary: H.R. 3295 would authorize the appropriation of about \$2.8 billion over fiscal years 2002

through 2006, for grants to States and localities to improve voting technology and election administration. The bill would establish the Election Assistance Commission to undertake activities to improve the administration of elections, and would set minimum standards for national elections. H.R. 3295 also would require the Department of Defense to implement a voting assistance program for military personnel and other overseas U.S. citizens.

Finally, the bill would provide reduced postage rates for official election mailings.

Budget Act: This legislation does not increase direct spending or cause revenue to decrease. Hence it

does not cause the committee of jurisdiction's allocation to be exceeded, nor does it cause revenue to fall below the appropriate level of revenue provided for in the budget resolution. This legislation is consistent with the assumptions made in the budget resolution and will not violate any provisions of the Congressional Budget Act.

Bill: Customs Border Security Act of 2001 (H.R. 3129).

Committee: Ways and Means

**Summary:** H.R. 3129 would authorize appropriations for 2002 and 2003 for the U.S. Customs

Service, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and the International Trade

Commission. The authorizations for the Customs Service would include funds for salaries and expenses, the Automated Commercial Environment [ACE] computer system, air and marine interdiction, reestablishment of Customs operations in New York City, and a program to prevent child pornography. This bill would increase the personal duty exemption for travelers entering the United States. The bill also would make several changes to the current laws relating to overtime and premium pay for Customs officers.

**Budget Act:** This legislation would cause a small revenue loss of \$4 million per year for each of the

years 2002 through 2006. This revenue loss, however, would not cause revenue to fall below the appropriate level provided for in the budget resolution. The bill also would cause a slight increase in direct spending by expanding certain pay provisions, but because it would cause other pay to be lower than it otherwise would be, the Budget Committee estimates the net direct spending effect would offset and hence not cause the

allocation of budget authority to the Ways and Means Committee to be exceeded.

#### ON THE HORIZON

[Note: The conference reports below do not appear on the schedule, but could be brought up at any time.]

Bill: Intelligence Authorization Conference Report (H.R. 2883)

Committee: Joint Intelligence

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**Summary:** 

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The conference report on the fiscal year 2002 Intelligence Authorization bill was submitted on 6 December. Conferees deleted provisions in the earlier House version of the bill to establish a commission on national security readiness with respect to the terrorist attacks of 11 September. The bill includes an increase in the authorization of appropriations for intelligence activities. The conference report identifies several priorities: to revitalize the National Security Agency [NSA], which has been seriously affected by yast changes in the communications environment; to correct deficiencies in human intelligence; to address the imbalance between intelligence collection and analysis; and to rebuild a robust research and development program as part of a multi-year effort to rebuild U.S. intelligence capabilities.

It is expected that the unclassified portion of the conference report will be within the parameters set by the budget resolution as it pertains to the appropriate levels of direct spending and revenue. It is not expected the conference report will include any substantive violations of the Congressional Budget Act.

Bill: **Internet Freedom and Broadband Deployment Act of 2001** (H.R. 1542)

Committee: **Energy and Commerce** 

H.R. 1542 prohibits the Federal Communications Commission [FCC] and State Summary:

governments from regulating the provision of Internet access or high-speed data services. with certain exceptions. H.R. 1542 also would allow the FCC to impose penalties for

violations of certain provisions of the bill, including requirements that certain

telecommunications carriers give consumers the freedom to choose their Internet service providers. Under the bill, the FCC also could assess penalties against Bell telephone companies that offer voice telecommunication services using telephone lines for data

transmission without the agency's permission.

As reported from committee, this legislation is not expected to cause the committee of **Budget Act:** 

> jurisdiction's allocation of new budget authority to be exceeded. In addition, the legislation will not cause revenue to be less than the level provided for in the budget resolution. It is not expected that the legislation when it comes to the floor will contain any substantive

violations of the Congressional Budget Act.

Bill: Conference Report on Labor/HHS Appropriations

Committee: **Appropriations** 

**Summary:** The Appropriations Committee had not released the CBO estimate of this bill as of the

preparation of this Budget Week summary.

Because the CBO estimate is not available, it has not been determined whether the **Budget Act:** 

conference report on this appropriations bill is within the applicable 302(b) allocation.

Bill: Conference Report on Department of Defense Appropriations

Committee: **Appropriations** 

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Because the CBO estimate is not available, it has not been determined whether the **Budget Act:** 

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